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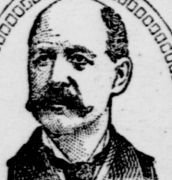
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Kentucky State News Items

LOUISVILLE THEATERS.

Several Managers and Actors Were
Placed Under Arrest.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 26.—Pursuant to a Sunday closing order issued by the board of safety last Tuesday and directed at places of amusement, the police Sunday made wholesale arrests of managers and actors at three of Louisville's principal theaters in the afternoon. At Hopkins' vaudeville theater and the Buckingham, a burlesque house, and member of the Empire circuit, all the actors, the managers of the houses and the companies, the ticket sellers and the doorkeepers were arrested, the actresses not being molested. At the Avenue theater, a Stair house, the scenery of the company billed for the coming week failed to arrive, but an extemporized turn was put on in order that this theater might test the law also. In no instance were the performances interrupted, officers standing in the wings and quietly serving their warrants when the actors came off after having filled their parts. No more arrests were made at night, those made in the afternoon being considered sufficient to afford a thorough test of the legality of the board of safety's order. The saloons, shops, etc., were allowed to open as usual without molestation. The Masonic and Macaulay's, Louisville's two remaining principal playhouses, do not open on Sundays.

SON SAW HIM MURDERED.

In a Culvert the Body of "Billy" Augustus Was Found.

Paducah, Ky., Feb. 26.—A cold-blooded murder occurred in the Illinois Central railroad yards. "Billy" Augustus was taking his little boy to the home of his father-in-law, where his wife lives, they being separated. Four men suddenly stepped from behind a car and crushed his skull. The body was found Sunday morning in a culvert, partially covered with water. The subject of the murder is not known. Augustus evidently had no chance, as he had a gun in his pocket. The boy, an, and has not been allowed to make a statement.

WAS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

The Young Mother Was Preparing
Her Baby For a Bath.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 26.—While preparing a bath for her 15-month-old baby Mrs. Emma Brock, aged 19, accidentally killed herself Sunday evening. In opening a dresser drawer to get the infant's clothes the spring on one of the garments caught on the trigger of a pistol in the drawer, causing the weapon to be discharged. The bullet passed through Mrs. Brock's heart. She lived long enough to say to her husband, Harry Brock, who was lying on a bed: "I am shot." The Brock house is at 120 Shelby street.

Coming To Kentucky.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 26.—W. S. Moore, for several years engineer of maintenance of way of the Michigan division of the Big Four, and who retired from that place to become superintendent of the Central Indiana railway, has resigned the latter place to accept the superintendency of the Louisville (Ky.) Terminal railway.

Globe Trotter Dead.

Covington, Ky., Feb. 26.—Ben Porter, 36, and single, known in the west as a professional gambler, died at St. Elizabeth hospital here. His death was caused by tuberculosis. When 18 years of age Porter left his home in Pendleton county, Ky., and embarked in his subsequent career of globe trotting.

Judge Hargis Indicted.

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 26.—The Breathitt grand jury returned indictments against Judge James Hargis, Ed Calahan, B. F. French, John Smith and John Abner, charged with murder and accessory to the murder of James B. Marcum here two years ago. Alex. Hargis was not indicted.

N. Y. C. Retrenchment.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 26.—On March 1 the Louisville office of the New York Central fast freight lines, which has been a fixture in Louisville for over 40 years, will be abolished and the business of the lines will be transacted in the freight office of the Big Four railroad.

Covington Man Severely Wounded.

Covington, Ky., Feb. 26.—George Hardin, who lives on Fifteenth street, this city, was on his way home early Sunday morning across the Fifteenth street bridge, and accidentally bumped into two men. One of them pulled a gun and shot him in the right leg.

Struck Natural Gas.

Covington, Ky., Feb. 26.—At a depth of 900 feet drillers employed by the Campbell County Mineral and Gas Co. struck a strong flow of gas in the rear of Ducker's distillery. The discovery has aroused considerable interest.

Life Sentence For Lewis.

Sergeant, Ky., Feb. 26.—The jury in the murder case against Samuel Lewis, who killed David Blair on the Cumberland river, in Harlan county, two years ago, returned a verdict giving him a life sentence.

Arrest Drove Him Insane.

Lima, O., Feb. 26.—George Taylor, arrested on a charge of minor offense is believed to have gone insane because of the disgrace. Taylor spent all one night guarded by three fellow prisoners.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

The Revenue Pushed Aside Everything
in the House on Monday.

Frankfort, Feb. 27.—The Kentucky senate Monday afternoon adopted a bill creating the office of the state fire marshal. The marshal is to be appointed by the state commissioner of insurance and is to receive the annual salary of \$2,400 to be paid out of a fund created by a tax of one-third of one per cent. on gross premiums collected by fire companies in the Kentucky field. The senate committee on municipalities had a lively meeting in hearing discussion of the house bills seeking to repeal certain legislative acts requiring the officials of the city of Middlesboro to take certain steps to pay interest on the city's bonded indebtedness. After a full hearing, the committee, by a vote of 5 to 3, decided to report the bills adversely, although they have passed the house.

The revenue bill pushed everything in the house aside again Monday and held the boards in the committee of the whole both at the morning and afternoon sessions. Several important sections were passed over, but a number were agreed to and adopted by the committee. The section increasing the state license for saloons from \$150 to \$225 was adopted, and the section requiring all taxes to be paid at the sheriff's office was stricken out. Representative McLean, of Covington, who is taking a prominent part in discussing all disputed sections of the bill, proposed an amendment to empower the city authorities to assess all railroad property inside the city limits, except actual trackage.

MANAGERS AND ACTORS.

The Cases Against Them Dismissed in
the Louisville Police Court.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 27.—In the police court Judge McCann dismissed the cases against the managers and employees of the three theaters who were arrested Sunday for violations of the Sunday closing law. In his opinion, Judge McCann held that the singling out of three theaters was discrimination. He also stated that he was not passing upon the validity of the Sunday closing law, as that was not properly brought before him. To make a real test of the law, Judge McCann said it would be necessary to show that the law was really meant to be enforced, and not to discriminate against a certain class of alleged offenders. The city officials may make another test case.

PLACED UNDER ARREST.

It is Charged He Let a Man Out of
Prison Unlawfully.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., Feb. 27.—County Attorney T. W. Rose, at Morehead, Rowan county, released a prisoner from the city jail and was arrested. City Marshal Elliott arrested John Hall, and placed him in the lock-up. Rose went to the marshal and demanded the keys, and they were given to him. He then proceeded to the jail, unlocked the door and released Hall from custody. When the police judge discovered Rose's action he issued a warrant for his arrest. He was tried and held to the circuit court in the sum of \$500 bond, while Marshal Elliott was fined \$3 for contempt of court. The action of the county attorney is unprecedented, and caused a sensation.

Became a Maniac.

Owingsville, Ky., Feb. 27.—Thomas Hendricks, aged 80, has become insane here because, it is alleged, of the sudden foreclosure on a mortgage on his property. Five judgments were rendered, amounting to about \$2,500, covering all property owned by Hendricks.

Two Were Killed.

Hindman, Ky., Feb. 27.—Deputy Collector M. M. Holliday and F. M. Blair made a raid on moonshiners a few days ago and that Holliday was probably fatally wounded. Two men named Sloan were killed and another man named Short seriously wounded.

Killed By a Train.

Owingsville, Ky., Feb. 27.—While returning from church in Salt Lick, this county, Albert Lewis, 21, attempted to board a moving train, fell under the wheels and was killed. Lewis spent the evening in prayer. He was to have been married in a few days.

Blizzard in Kentucky.

Paducah, Ky., Feb. 27.—West Kentucky is again in the throes of a blizzard, following a heavy rain all day. The wind shifted to the north Monday night and a blinding snow is raging. All kinds of traffic is greatly impeded.

Girl Burned To Death.

Owingsville, Ky., Feb. 27.—The 11-year-old daughter of Mrs. Miriam Caudill, of Elliott county, was burned to death by her clothes igniting from an open grate. The body was burned to a crisp before assistance reached her.

Strychnine Poisoning.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 27.—Charles Palmer has completed the analysis of the stomach of Flea Tharp, who died suddenly in Breathitt county several weeks ago, and finds strychnine poisoning caused death.

He Survived the Paralysis.

Paducah, Ky., Feb. 27.—John Keithley, a paralytic, aged 60 years, fell from the second story of his boarding house and was fatally injured. He died a few hours later.

William B. Perry, who has been blind since seven, has been chosen city solicitor of New Bedford, Mass.

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G. S. GRIFFIN.

Who was appointed Master Commissioner of the Rockcastle Circuit Court to succeed Dr. M. Pennington, resigned. Mr. Griffin is the present Deputy Sheriff of the county and has held various offices of trust in this county and every one who knows of Mr. Griffin or his past record, feels the easiness of knowing that all business which comes into his hands will be faithfully looked after.

TO TELEPHONE USERS.

Suppose you are Will Davis, at Mt. Vernon, and have called for Ben Cormney, Lancaster. When the party called for answers, first tell who and where you are, thus: "This is Will Davis, Mt. Vernon, is that Ben Cormney?" Then state your business in plain tones; don't talk too fast; keep lips within half inch of transmitter tube while speaking. When you ring for "Central" don't leave phone because you are not answered within five seconds—like many telephone users do—but give operator chance to answer. Operator may be attending calls ahead of yours and will answer yours as soon as it can be reached. Toll line conversations are limited to five (5) minutes; extra charges for further time. By reading instructions given in the telephone Directory, and complying therewith, much delay and annoyance would be saved the telephone user as well as "Central." These suggestions are also applicable to calls within "exchange" limits.

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The State Farmer's Institute which the same type is used as in our journals. It is called the Ro-maji.

PINE HILL.

Miss Lilly Woodall, and Harry Houston of Hazel Patch, were here between train Sunday.—Mr. John McGinnis died of pneumonia last Tuesday morning.—Birdie McHarge visited in Hazel Patch last Saturday and Sunday John McFerron was in town Sunday.—L. B. Hilton was in Brodhead Monday.—Jim Berry, L. & N. brakeman, is visiting homefolks.—Lula Poteet is in East Bernstadt visiting relatives.—John Poteet of Jellico, is visiting his parents.—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rose have returned to their home in Knoxville.—Mrs. Charlie Griffin and little daughter visited her sister, Mrs. Stallsworth, last week.—Edward Owens was in town Friday last.—George Pike, formerly of this place, now a conductor, was in town a few hours Sunday.—Mr. and Mrs. Mat Pike were among us Sunday last.—Myrtle Lay is visiting in Brodhead.—There was celebrated at Jellico on the nineteenth instant a very quiet church wedding of Miss Anna McHarge, of this place, and Mr. Roscoe Rose of Knoxville, Tenn. The bride the accomplished daughter of Mrs. Mary McHargue, was conceded by her many friends to be the beauty of Rockcastle. The groom, a rising young railroad man, will take his bride to LaFollett, Tenn., where they will spend their honeymoon. May all the brightness that comes to us in this life be theirs.

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BRODHEAD.

Rev. Eugene Snodgrass lectured on Temperance at the Christian church last Tuesday night.—The contest for the most popular young lady in Brodhead was won by Miss Rita Cable, she receiving 2176 votes against Miss Ollie Cash's 714. The prize was a large lamp and is one Miss Cable should be proud of. L. J. Owens was in Mt. Vernon first of the week.—Misses Anna Tate and Bobbie Davis were visiting here first of week.

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with that old enemy of the race, constipation, often ends in appendicitis. To avoid all serious trouble with stomach, liver and bowels, take Dr. King's New Life Pills, they perfectly regulate these organs, without pain or discomfort. 25c at all drugstores.

The effect of the cold snap was felt throughout the State. There was a heavy snowfall and in some places much damage was done by the storm. Fears are entertained for the safety of the fruit crops.

Plans are being made for the biggest hall ever given in Kentucky to be held at the Armory in Louisville during "Home-coming Week."

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REPRESENTATIVE B. O. BECKER of Ashland, has introduced a bill in the Legislature, making 50 per cent. of laborers' wages subject to attachment. This would be no bad law to have upon our statute books, as many a worthless scoundrel, who earns less than \$50 per month, takes advantage of the present law to avoid payment of his honest debts.

JUDGE HARGIS has recently found the sanitary condition of the jail in Breathitt to be very bad. Wonder if it is any worse than it was when he was county judge.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

The bill to put Casey county in the Eighth district was passed by the Senate.

The gubernatorial boom of Senator W. H. Cox will be launched at a banquet in Frankfort next week.

Chief Justice Hobson announced that the Hon. John D. Carroll, of Henry county, had been appointed Commissioner of the Court of Appeals, under the terms of an act passed by the present Assembly. Mr. Carroll is one of the best known attorneys in the State.

There is a bill before the Kentucky Legislature to add Casey County to the Eighth Congressional District. We are not informed where the politics is concealed in this bill, but there is some in it, somewhere. We fail to see where it can or will benefit our county, district or state; and until "we are shown," we are against the bill. —Spencer Courier.

Democratic members of both houses of Congress are discussing the question as to a successor to Chairman Cowherd, of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. The candidates so far announced are Representative Griggs of Georgia, and Representative Flood, of Virginia. Mr. Griggs conducted the campaign for the party for the Fifty eighth Congress.

Mr. George Cogar, who was mentioned in the Frankfort correspondence to the Louisville Times as a possible candidate for congress from the Eighth district has denied all knowledge of the source from which the article emanated, and most emphatically denied any intention of becoming a candidate. "If I am a candidate I did not know it," said Mr. Cogar last night "and had no knowledge of my name having been mentioned by any paper of a possible candidate until the present moment."

A Frankfort special says: "Trustee W. P. Walton, of the State School of Reform at Lexington, called upon Chairman Redwine, of the Legislative Investigating Committee, this morning and urged the fullest investigation possible of the affairs and conduct of that institution which has been attacked by C. O. G. Emerson, a former employee. Mr. Walton has been a trustee of that institution since it was founded, having been first appointed by former Governor Bradley and re-appointed by Governor Peckham. Two years ago at the Assembly session he urged the placing of supervision of the institution with the State Prison Commission."

ADJOINING COUNTIES

Winchester has ordered a new map of the city, and the houses are to be numbered.

Andrew Carnegie has donated \$10,000 to the city of Somerset, Ky., for a free public library to be under the control of the city school authorities.

Lancaster is to have another bank—The Garrard State Bank and Trust Co. It will have a capital stock of \$50,000 and most of the stock has been taken. Many of the monied men of that county are behind the enterprise.

Judge James Hargis and others, charged with the murder of James B. Marcum, Commonwealth's Attorney Adams moved for a change of venue. Pending a decision of the court the defendants were released on \$10,000 bond each.

In the Breathitt Circuit Court Saturday indictments were returned against Jas. Hargis, Ed. Calahan, John Smith, John Abner, of Breathitt, and B. F. French, of this city for the murder of James B. Marcum. The indictment specifically charges conspiracy with Cart Jett and Tom White to do the crime and charges French, Smith and Abner with being accessories before the fact. —Winchester Democrat.

John Watkins, a Lexington negro, was tried at Owensville last week on the charge of having murdered William Mullins, a white man, on a train while passing through Bath county, and the jury gave him a sentence of life imprisonment although most of the jury were in favor of hanging him. Sunday he committed suicide in the Owensville jail by hanging himself to a ring in the wall by means of a leather belt he wore around his waist.

LEVEL GREEN

The beautiful weather made us think spring had come but now the snow causes us to know that winter is not past.—Mrs. Katie Catron has gone on an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Dan Woodward, of London.—W. H. Forbes, the saw mill man of Brodhead, is in our midst again. He may accept a position in Pennsylvania and go there in the near future to make his home.—Services at the Christian church on last Saturday and Sunday conducted by Bro. R. E. Todd of Eubanks.—We wonder who the people will talk about now as Miss Roosevelt's wedding is a thing of the past. We doubt whether with all the chivalry and display that was caused by their wedding Mr. and Mrs. Longworth are happier than the ones who marry here in their humble homes.—R. L. and T. J. Brown, of Somerset, spent last Sunday with their mother.—In the school at Plato the teacher and pupils have an argument as to the mood and tense of the verb in this sentence: "I might write." They request Supt. Ballard's opinion on same.—Misses Fannie and Jennie McKinney were the guests of Miss Vira Debord on last Sunday.—Cleveland Mink, of Buffalo, and Miss Rebecca McKinney were made one at church last Sunday, Rev. R. E. Todd officiating. The groom is the son of Granville Mink and the bride the daughter of John McKinney. They left Monday for the home of the groom where there was a reception awaiting them. The writer had the pleasure of attending the reception.—Wm. Brown is improving slowly.—Wm. Brown Jr. and wife were visiting near Quail Saturday.—H. P. Broyles is instructing a singing class at the chapel.

LIVINGSTON

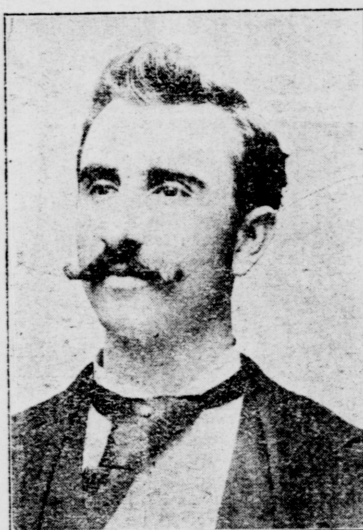
R. S. Elmore came in from Knoxville Thursday morning and will leave with his family for that place the last of the week. Their many friends regret their departure, and they will be missed both in the social and business life.—Mr. J. C. Hocker has opened up a store of general merchandise and will be pleased to have all his old friends and many new ones to call.—Miss Lillie Woodall of Hazel Patch, is visiting Mrs. J. E. Woodall.—Mrs. James McGuire visited her daughter, Mrs. James Parsons at Wildie, Saturday and Sunday.—Rev. Frank Walton, of Bradfordsville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Walton last week.—Mrs. Rebecca Lucas and children left for their home in Sabine, Ill., Sunday, after a visit with relatives here and

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Who has resigned as Chief of Police of LaFollette, Tenn., to accept a lucrative position with W. J. Sparks. Mr. Wallen will probably be stationed at Mullins Station.

at Corbin. Mrs. Lucas will take charge of the Alla Town Telephone Exchange on her arrival home.—Mesdames H. D. Magee and J. C. Hocker have been on the sick list.—Mrs. Mahala Carson has been very sick with la grippe but is improving.—Misses Cora Adams and Lida Cook returned home Saturday after a visit to Jellico, Corbin and London.—George Griffin left for Canal City Tuesday. He has accepted a position with a mining company and will move his family there in a short time.

There will be services at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening March 11th. Everybody invited.—There will be services at the Baptist church Sunday March 4th. Everybody welcome.—S. E. Woodall was in Corbin first of the week.—Mrs. Joe Caswell returned from a week's stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vowels in Louisville.—Dr. W. J. Childress was in Louisville this week.—W. C. Mullins and wife returned from LaFollette, Tenn., after a pleasant visit to the family of D. S. McKinney.—Miss Mattie McFerron spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. W. I. Childress.—Mesdames L. H. Davis and J. A. McRoberts are numbered among the sick.—John Rider is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. A. McRoberts.—Walter Barton and brothers, civil engineers, who have been stationed here for the past six months, have moved to McKee, Jackson county, to the regret of some of our young ladies I am sure.

Born to the wife of Joe Dickerson, February 23rd a girl—christened, Lela-May.—E. B. Cox spent Sunday in town, calling on some of the young ladies.—U. G. Baker spent Sunday with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker.—Mr. James Anderson has moved his family here from Berea.—There seems to be quite a demand for houses in town, all the vacant ones have been filled, and still the calls keep coming. Livingston is not dead.—Miss Rose McFerron was called to the Pennington Infirmary at London last week.—Mrs. Brack Graves passed through here on her way to Mt. Vernon. She was in the wreck but fortunately was not hurt.

INTemperance OF NATIONS

Americans, after all, are only moderate drinkers, compared with those of other countries, remarks Pearson's Magazine. The average citizen of the United States, counting in women and children (which is not fair, but serves for the moment as a basis to figure upon), consumes in the course of a year liquors which contains one and one-third gallons of pure alcohol. But the Frenchmen, who, though one of the soberest, has become the worst drunkard in the world, absorbs annually three and a half gal-

NEWS ITEMS

David B. Henderson, former Speaker of the House of Representatives of Congress, died Monday afternoon at Dubuque, Iowa, of palsy.

It was held by a London divorce court that marriages by "habit and repute" contracted in the United States, must be considered legal in England.

The Senate concurred in the House amendment to the Gillespie-Tillman resolution for the investigation of railroads and their relation to coal and oil producing. The resolution now goes to the President.

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lons of alcohol. The Belgian and the Swiss come next, with a consumption of two and four-fifths gallons, the Italian with just a trifle less, the Englishman and German with two and a tenth, and the Australian about one and three-quarters gallons.

On the other hand, the American citizen by no means stands at the top of the list in respect to sobriety. The Swede drinks only one and a sixth gallons of pure alcohol in a year; the Hollander drops considerably below him with one gallon, even the relatively virtuous Russian, notwithstanding his much advertised addiction to vodka, absorbs only a trifle more than six tenths of a gallon, and finally the Norwegian who occupies a proud eminence as the most abstemious man in the world, barely exceeds a modest half gallon of the stuff in a twelve month's potations. It might be added, for the sake of definiteness, that the average person in the United States annually drinks one and a third gallons of pure spirits (which are 50 per cent. alcohol), one and one third gallons of wine and sixteen and a quarter gallons of malt liquors, chiefly beer.

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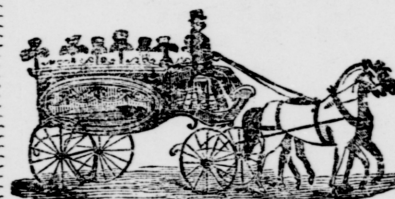
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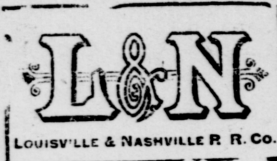
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PERSONAL

C. C. Williams was in Corbin Sunday.

Atty. J. W. Brown went to Louisville Tuesday.

S. B. Ramsey, the butcher, is able to be out again.

J. Fish spent several days in Knoxville this week.

G. S. Hitt has been very sick for the past few days.

F. P. Gross, the Lincoln stock dealer, was here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rider were in Louisville Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Ben Martin, of Rowland visited her brother, J. T. Proctor, here this week.

Misses Anna Newland and Maude Guthrie visited Miss Eva Fish Saturday and Sunday.

R. B. Hatcher, of Level Green, left Monday for Norton, Va., to visit his son and daughter.

E. B. Brown and S. B. McKenzie attended the county court day at Lancaster last Monday.

Cashier W. L. Richards is in Gallatin county this week looking after some business matters.

W. M. Francisco, of the firm of Francisco & Albright, Brohead Marble Works was here this week putting up some nice stones.

Miss Maggie Hansel is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Hansel, who are now living at Crab Orchard.

A. H. Hamlin left Wednesday for Habersham, Tenn., where he will spend several days on business.

J. C. Hayes was here Saturday. Mr. Hayes is still suffering from injuries received by a fall some time ago.

Mary, Allie Lee, and Thelma Houk, returned from Indiana yesterday. Mary and Allie Lee will remain in Kentucky.

Mesdames Ben Martin, of Rowland, and J. T. Proctor, of this place, are visiting the family of James Reynolds at Pittsburg.

Cossie D. Sutton, of Stanford, who formerly clerked for U. G. Baker at this place, was visiting his many friends here Sunday.

W. R. McClure says he is going west in April. He expects to be there at the opening of the new town Chouteau, in which several parties here have purchased lots.

Mrs. Willis Adams left Sunday for a ten days visit in Florida near the Gulf, to be one of a house party, of which her daughter, Miss Ida May, will be hostess.

Misses Susie and Alza Thompson left Monday morning for Lexington, where Miss Alza will be under an oculist. They will spend a few days in Paris and Nicholasville before they return.

Hon. B. J. Bethurum is in receipt of an invitation to attend a banquet at the Capital Hotel, Frankfort, Friday evening March 9th to be given by the Republican members of the General Assembly.

Atty. C. C. Williams will leave next week for Marshall, Mo., to wind up the estate of W. H. Mullins, a former Rockcastle citizen, who died there about three weeks ago leaving an estate of \$24,000.00 and no will. Mr. Mullins had no family and the heirs to the property are his brothers and sisters, some of whom live in this county.

LOCAL

Crab Orchard is to have a Catholic church.

FOR SALE.—A lot on Main St., 18 feet front by 75 feet deep, with a 12 by 16 room building, being a part of the lot where J. Fish's store is now located. Possession can be given about September 1st. For further information call upon E. S. Albright, Secretary Rockcastle Real Estate Company.

The eighteen-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ferguson died this morning at 5:30 o'clock.

C. C. Miller, of Level Green, the handle man, was the lucky person in the buggy drawing at Krueger & Snn's.

Of the twenty representatives appointed to attend the State Farmers' Institute now in session at Frankfort, only one responded, Mr. Shivel, of Brohead.

We failed to mention in our list of court items in last issue the appointment of G. T. Johnson W. G. Niley and F. L. Thompson as jury commissioners.

READY MADE WAISTS:—We have just received an elegant line of ladies' ready made shirt waists. The ladies are cordially invited to call and see them.

ROBT COX

CLUBING OFFER:—Until further notice we will furnish the Signal and Weekly Courier Journal for \$1.50 a year, or the Signal and Louisville Herald (Daily) for \$2.00. Cash must accompany all orders under this arrangement.

W. J. Sparks bought of Cal Mullins a thirty acre tract of land between Sinks and Livingston, which contains cement gravel, worlds without end. The time is not far distant when we will hear from Mr. Sparks on the cement proposition, which will be a great enterprise when started.

Our good friend E. Bullock, better known as "Tub," says he is afflicted with acromegaly or some other similar affliction, as he has grown about 2 1/2 inches in height in the last two years. This is given as a fact and not as a joke, which is a very unusual occurrence for a man of his age.

By the death of L. L. Jarrett, the office of Jailer of this county, becomes vacant. We understand that some of Mr. Jarrett's family, who will in all probability be the present deputy, O. V. Jarrett, will be appointed to fill the office until the next election, when a Jailer will have to be elected.

Under the Judicial bill passed a few days ago, taking Whitley county from this district, we will have no more Feb. or Sep. courts and the next court will be last May term. The bill goes into effect July 1. The courts then will come in March three weeks, June four weeks and December two weeks.

Bob Asher, of Leslie county, who was given a life sentence in that county charged with murder and has been in the Mt. Vernon jail several months awaiting the decision of the Court of Appeals, on the appeal taken in his case, was taken to London by Sheriff Geo. W. Swanner of Laurel, Wednesday.

Rev. Argabright, State Evangelist, is conducting a series of meetings at the Baptist Church here. Large crowds are in attendance and much interest manifested. Rev. Argabright is a pleasant and forcible speaker, and has held meetings in many other counties of the state, always meeting with splendid success in the winning of souls to Christ.

Through trains from Knoxville, Tenn., to St. Louis by way of Louisville will be put into service by the L. H. and St. L. & N. railroads. This does not mean that additional trains will be put on at this time, but simply the coaches which leave Knoxville on No. 24, the early morning train, will go in to St. Louis and likewise the coaches, which leave St. Louis will go through to Knoxville, which does away with any change or transfer at Louisville. We trust that this change will result in an additional train, which we so badly need.

The Rockcastle Home Telephone Company has purchased the interests of the Bastin Company in this county and took charge of the exchanges, lines etc. yesterday March 1st. Among the improvements proposed to be made during the year is a new through wire from Livingston to connect with Lexington, Louisville etc. via Crab Orchard and Lancaster. Other county lines will be built in Rockcastle and connections will be improved to London and South East Kentucky. Work on a new through line from Somerset to Mt. Vernon is expected to begin by the middle of spring. This will give good service to South Central Kentucky. James Maret is the general manager of the new company.

A. F. Albright, Brohead, keeps thorough bred White and Part-ridge Wyandotte and Barred Plymouth Rock chickens. He is offering eggs for hatching at 75cts. a setting of 15 eggs for orders received in February and March. Write him for circular.

J. C. Hayes, of near Crab Orchard, Tuesday sold his farm of 60 acres to Mr. A. C. Muncie, a Harlan county man, consideration \$2,250. Mr. Hayes says he will not buy again until he has plenty of time to look around. He will rent property and live in Crab Orchard for the present.

Wednesday was Ash Wednesday the beginning of the Lenten season. It is so called because on that day the faithful assemble at their respective churches to receive the sign of the cross made with ashes upon their foreheads by the officiating priest. As he signs each one the priest says: "Remember man thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return."

We are under obligations to several, who have been kind enough to report to us such happenings as they knew. This we appreciate and we trust there will be others. It is impossible, without some assistance to hear of every thing that is going on in the county and we don't want to slight anybody or omit any item of interest to the readers of the Signal.

DEAD.—L. L. Jarrett died at Aztec, N. M., Wednesday, where he has been for several months for his health. The burial took place at Aztec, being, as we understand, his request should he die while there. Luther, as he was always called had a host of warm friends in this county, who are much grieved to learn of his sad death. A young man with a high ambition and lofty ideas, cut off just in the bloom of young manhood. He leaves a wife and two children who were with him at the time of his death.

FOR SALE.—A farm of a 125 acres located on Somerset road 2 1/2 miles West of Mt. Vernon, good house, good barn and all necessary outbuildings, orchard of 135 trees, good fencing and well watered; and plenty timber to run farm. We desire to sell with this farm all stock and farming implements thereto belonging, consisting of two good work and brood mares, two nice yearling fillies, 4 milch cows and several hogs, hay, corn etc. This is the property of D. Cummins and can be bought at a bargain. For further information call upon D. Cummins or E. S. Albright.

Mr. John H. Fredericks, of Clafin, Kans., who was born and reared until eleven years old in this and Laurel counties, at which time he went west, is here investigating the titles to several tracts of land including about 500 acres in the Southern part of the county, which belonged to his father, John Fredericks, and his grand father, Nicholas Mink, both of whom died in testate, and Mr. Fredericks claims that he is the lawful heir. Some of the land under question is held by the Minks on Eagle creek and some by A. J. Norton, under a sheriff's deed for taxes. John Fredericks and Nicholas Mink have been dead about fifty years. From what we have been able to learn, it seems that Mr. Fredericks will more than likely regain a good portion of the land.

MATRIMONIAL

William Decker and Miss Nanon Harper were granted license Saturday.

Marriage license was issued yesterday to Claud Hendricks, of Bowling Green, and Miss Celia Mink, of Livingston.

Mr. James Gibson, of Wilton, Ky., and Miss Martha Poteet, daughter of Frank Poteet, of Pine Hill, were married in the County Clerk's office yesterday, Judge L. W. Bethurum, officiating.

RELIGIOUS

A movement is on foot among Louisville ministers to abandon Sunday night services and substitute afternoon services. The Sunday school hours also may be changed to afternoon.

The good ladies of the Christian Church, after waiting in vain these many months for the men to do something, have taken the matter in hand and we feel assured that the Christian Church, which has been without a preacher for over a year, will soon have a pastor. The last report there was about \$250 made up. To the women we must always look for all good.

LAND, STOCK AND CROP

W. R. McClure sold to Tom McClure his wagon and team for \$200.

James Norton and A. H. Hamlin bought 5 good yearling mules in Pulaski county at \$70.00 each.

Cattle, hogs, sheep and good mules are very scarce and high as a cat's back, says the stock dealers.

J. B. Livesay sold to J. J. Thompson at Crab Orchard Thursday a 16 1/2 hand 5 year old mule for \$150.

Strictly fresh eggs were retailing last week in the Louisville market at ten cents and in the Cincinnati market at twelve to fourteen cents.

Clell Coleman, of Mercer, bought 1,500 head of beef cattle Saturday from parties at Indianapolis, St. Louis and Chicago, paying 2 1/2 and 3 1/2 cents for them.

J. A. Ramsey reports only about 200 cattle on the market. Nearly all sales were by the head. Best prices was 4 1/2 cents for some extra good 650-lb. yearlings, 21 800-lb. steers brought 4 cents; 25 550-lb. heifers, 3 1/2 cents; good fat cows, 3 1/2 to 3 3/4 cents; 750-lb. heifers 3 1/4 cents. Quite a number of mules were offered, but buyers and sellers were too far apart and but few sales were effected.—Richmond Climax.

At the sale of J. Hood Smith in Montgomery county Wednesday, Feb. 21st the following prices were realized: Combined horse \$1.12; brood mare \$56; colt two years old \$72.50; mule 4 years old \$156; pair mare mules 4 years old \$369; pair horse mules 5 years old \$325; pair aged mules \$190; horse mule \$140; fat cow 1,185 lbs. \$4.15; fat cow 1,050 lbs. \$3.75; heifer 800 lbs. \$3.60; 2 brood sows \$17 each; 120 barrels corn in crib \$2.51; farming at Millersburg Peale, Collier & Co. sold 6,000 bushels of wheat to Louisville parties at 85 cents per bushel.


H. R. Watts, auctioneer, reports the sale of Houston Watte Wednesday, February 21st, fairly well attended. Among the prices were the following: Brood made, \$72; work horse, \$76; heifer calf, \$9.50; shoats, 75 lbs. weight, \$4.85 each; corn in crib, \$2 per barrel; common chickens, 30 to 40 cents each.

—H. R. Watts, auctioneer, reports the sale Thursday of G. W. Beighle as well attended and the following were among the sales made: Aged work horse, \$91; brood mare, \$100; lot of shotes 40 lbs., \$4 each; Jersey cow, \$60; good dry cow, \$35; plain yearling heifers, \$12 to \$22, short steer, \$22; brood sow, \$21.50; corn in crib, \$2.15 to \$2.22; household goods sold well.


Last Monday is said to have been the best court day at Mt. Sterling in several months. The crowd was estimated at 5,000. Business was brisk and the cattle market was large. There were 2,500 cattle on the market, and the prices were good. 1,000 lb. steers sold at 3.75 to 4.00, light weight 3.25 to 3.50, yearlings 3.50 to 4.00, heifers 3.00 to 3.50, cows 2.50 to 3.25, canners 1.25 to 1.50. The mule market was also brisk, more than ever seen before, possibly 400 head 16-hand mules brought \$170 to \$210 each; 15 hand mules \$125 to \$140; 15 1/2 hand mules \$150 to \$175 smaller mules from \$90 to \$110. Heavy pairs sold from \$450 to \$500.—Kentucky Advocate.

Several hundred cattle were on the market yesterday and the greater part of them changed hands, though nearly all were sold by the head. Trade was fairly brisk at about the same range of prices as last court day. The best sale of the day was 4 1/2 cents for some extra good yearlings. Heifers brought 3 1/4 to 3 1/2 cts. Most of the cattle were common or inferior and some were left unsold. A large number of mules on the market but holders asked such high prices that no sales were made. Among the sales of cattle were the following: Hub Stevens bought 6 yearling steers, 600 lbs. for \$150.... Hugh Hignite sold 14 steers, 600 lb. at 4 cts.... Bev White sold 3 steers, ranging in weight from 500 to 700 lbs. at 3 1/4 cts.; 25 heifers, 550 lbs., at 3 1/4 cts.; and three cows at 3 1/4 cts.... R. R. Todd sold a cow, 1,250-lbs., at 3 1/2 cents, and a heifer, 750 lbs., at 3 1/4 cents.... C. W. Lyle sold a calf, 505-lbs., at 3 1/4 cents.... Luther Hamilton sold a saddle mare for \$160.—Winchester Democrat.

The grand jury investigation of the assassination of former gov. Steunenberg will begin Thursday at Caldwell, Idaho.



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MAGAZINE SECTION,

MT. VERNON, ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KY., MARCH 2, 1906.

Pages 1 to 4.

THE PRIVATE DETECTIVES.

THEIR NAME IS LEGION, AND THEY WATCH ALL CLASSES OF BUSINESS EMPLOYEES.

Some Clever Schemes for Swindling Firms and Corporations—Sharps Who Make a Regular Business of Getting Damages.

In no other country in the world, are so many private detectives employed as in the United States.

Every great corporation has its staff of "secret service" men, many of them recruited from the detective forces of European countries.

The chief occupation of these commercial detectives is to protect the various institutions they represent from the depredations of professional swindlers of all kinds.

These "crooks" are a formidable army. Groups of them travel from city to city, concocting and carrying out frauds of all kinds, aided in their nefarious plans by "shady" lawyers, physicians, and even, at times, by the employees of the corporations which they seek to victimize.

Insurance companies are the favorite prey of this robber band.

Of one audacious swindler, who was recently brought to justice, it is stated that, assisted by his confederates, he defrauded seven different accident insurance companies of sums aggregating some \$13,000.

Had he varied his method, it is quite likely this particular "crook" would still be reaping a golden harvest. But he repeated his device too often.

His trick consisted in slipping on a piece of soap while taking a bath, and sustaining "severe internal injuries." He always had a doctor (of course, a confederate) to testify to the serious nature of his accident; but, although the trick in itself was difficult of detection, a constant repetition of it naturally awakened suspicion, and led to the downfall of the swindler.

Some of the sharps pretend to be mechanics, and prey upon employers of labor, their method being to pretend to sustain some injury in the course of their work. Aided by shyster doctors and lawyers they bring actions for damages. Sometimes by taking out accident insurance policies, they contrive to gain a double share of plunder.

Railway companies are victimized in much the same fashion—that is to say, by bogus claims for injuries and accidents. In these cases the frauds are generally more elaborate, involving not only the services of dishonest doctors and lawyers, but the testimony of witnesses paid to perjure themselves.

Of one group of railway sharpers, the ringleaders of which were brought to justice, it came out in the evidence that they made more than \$5,000 a year by their practices.

A real railway accident, especially one of any magnitude, is a perfect windfall to some of these rogues, if they are anywhere in the vicinity.

Taking advantage of the confusion

and excitement, they make their appearance among the injured. Their "injuries" are generally, of course, of an internal nature, and, uttering heartrending groans, they are carried off to be attended, if possible, by some medical accomplice.

Now and again the conductors of trains are in league with the sharpers, which, of course, greatly facilitates the frauds. Indeed, it is said that railway accidents such as small collisions, have been deliberately brought about by conspiracies of this kind.

One particular "crook" made large sums by conspiring with conductors to push him off the train when it was in motion! In this way he acquired a profitable crop of "permanent injuries to the spine," for which the railway companies had to pay smartly.

So numerous and so astute have the American detectives become of late years, however, that such frauds have become increasingly difficult.

The suppression of malpractices of this kind is, as stated, the principal work of the great army of commercial detectives, many of whom are apparently ordinary citizens, or even workers—known as "plain clothes men." Among their minor functions is the watching of suspected employees, especially those of banks and great financial houses.

Any tendency to extravagant habits or irregular living on the part of employees is noted and reported upon by these unsuspected watchers. Others there are who, in the guise of clerks and laborers, secretly note any tendencies to disloyalty or discontent. In this way approaching strikes are detected, and, oftentimes, nipped in the bud.

Studied by the Artist.

"One of the greatest difficulties in art," remarked a critic, "is to get one's facts right, and for this you have to go not to art, but to the people who understand the things represented."

"I received my first lesson in this direction when, as a youth, I painted a coast scene with a ship in the foreground. It was highly praised by all who saw it, with the exception of an old seaman, who, when he examined the rigging, politely turned aside to conceal his amusement. No ship, he explained, could possibly have gone to sea with the ropes and tackle arranged as in my picture. So I had to humble myself to learn to draw reeving blocks, shrouds, yards, and other portions of a ship's rigging as they really are."

"But it is not always possible to be true to fact."

"Take, for instance, a typical picture which represents a herd of self-denying cattle grazing in a meadow where the herbage is of the scantiest, while near at hand are unprotected fields of grain into which they could walk at will. Why did not the painter include in his picture the fences which actually surrounded the corn fields? Simply because they would have spoiled the composition, and consequently reality had to be sacrificed to the demands of art."

THE AMATEUR SMUGGLERS.

MOST TRAVELLERS FEEL JUSTIFIED IN OUTWITTING AND BEATING GOVERNMENT.

Foreign Dealers Know the American Mania for Private Smuggling and Sell Accordingly—Many Disappointments in Results.

If the arrivals on one of the big liners were drawn up in rows on the pier and searched, it is doubtful if five per cent of them would escape the charge of smuggling. The women are said to break the law in greater numbers than the men, although the latter cheat the Government of larger amounts. The majority of women don't understand the customs laws.

Said a nervous little lady on the promenade of the Deutschland as the tugs were pushing the big steamer into the dock: "I've got two china salt cellars under my hat. Do you suppose they'll hear them click together? They cost five cents apiece at the Palais Royale, but they're so cute." "Why you dear old goose," said a business-like person near her, "I guess you'd jump overboard if you had my trunks to wriggle through the examination. Just listen. You know you're allowed to replenish your wardrobe if you're gone a year."

When I decided to go over twelve months ago, I just took all the old trunks in the house, I had eleven in all, and I filled most of them up with the stuff you usually send to the Salvation Army. Thought some of them would go to pieces on the trip. I got rid of more than half in London, and bought beautiful English leather trunks to take their places. And the things I've brought back in my replenished wardrobe! "But the foreign names on so many dresses?" gasped the nervous one. "I've ripped them out and sewed in the names that were in my old dresses."

She was even cleverer than the white-haired gentleman who confided to his neighbor at table that he had brought back some lace gowns worth at least 30,000 francs (\$5000) a piece that were entered in a sworn invoice at 6,000 francs each. "But," said the little maid at his elbow, "won't the appraisers know the real value?" The venerable sinner stroked his white beard complacently: "Why should they suspect the invoices approved by the American Consul at . . . ? Ah, they are my very good friends at the consulate," he purred.

Real Syrian Rugs.

Even the steerage has its smugglers. There was a commotion on the immigrant deck of a French liner one morning. Several hundred Syrians were westward bound. One of them had stolen a roll of bedding from another. The officer to whom complaint was made was not deeply interested. Hadn't the immigrant a good berth in the steerage? Why so much fracas for a bundle of dirty rags that should have been stowed in the hold? The complainant waxed desperate: "Mother of the Prophet, his bed—of dirty rags! It was of Syrian rugs, the best, a dozen sent by a merchant of Damascus to his brother merchant in New York." The duty on Syrian rugs is heavy—but who would think to find them in the dirty bedding of an immigrant!

A glove buyer for one of the big American houses used to bring back on each semi-annual trip, for his own part, twelve dozen pairs of gloves carefully hidden in many pockets of his coat and overcoat. Almost every tourist who can afford it buys a diamond ring while abroad. A feather boa is almost the first purchase of the American woman arriving in London, and what customs official can prove that she did not carry it out of her own country with her.

How seldom do those first purchases in London and Paris outlast the evanescent charm of novelty. Flimsily built of fragile material, they drop to pieces before the owner has had time to weary of them. If they do last for any length of time, it is only to become a source of anger and disgust. The silk petticoat bought at the Bon Marche, Paris, for which you paid \$8—what a bargain it was until one day you felt mysterious prickings at your ankles and stooped to find that the half inch wide steel ribbon which gave such a chic set to the bottom, had broken loose from the dust ruffle and slashed the silk to bits, and your stockings to tatters. To comfort you, every department store in New York and Chicago is showing you identically the same skirt, without the steel stiffening, for \$5. Sometimes, remembering these things, the high prices that assailed you in London and Paris, you may wonder how the French women of moderate means manage to dress so well.

Americans Charged Double.

The answer is that Americans are abominably over-charged. A raw clerk in the Louvre once told an American customer that the house would make her up a pongee suit for 150 francs. He was sharply contradicted by an older employee who explained that the suit would cost 300 francs. As the lady moved away without ordering the gown, she heard the novice re-monstrate. "You told me 150 francs." "For Frenchwomen, yes," growled the old hand, "but that was an American." The biggest lace house in Vienna (and Vienna is the cheapest place in the world to buy lace) purposely puts up the prices to allow a good margin for bargaining. Experienced American buyers for fashionable New York tailors who go yearly to Paris for models, take with them on their shopping excursions, a French friend with whose assistance they secure materials and models for about half the quoted price.

French workmanship is inferior. The

models brought home by a tailor who has a shop just off Fifth Avenue were sent into the workroom to be resewn before they could be placed in the show cases. Style is what the French tailor aims at. Chic, beautiful, a gown must be. If it falls to pieces the first time it is worn—so much the better for the business—madame needs another gown. A woman who had ordered a single dress from one of the big French houses complained of the workmanship. The manager shrugged his shoulders: "One dress, why should we bother at all for that!"

Most expensive French lingerie is frequently finished with rough seams, lace is sewed to unhemmed edges, threads in hand embroidery are left loose—the garment simply falls to pieces even in the most careful laundry.

No words can express the horror of English tailoring. In London they have made an attempt to meet American tastes, but the English tailor's conception of the short skirt is a twined monstrosity escaping the shoe tops in front and tickling the pavement be-

SAVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

PLAN PRESENTED TO CONGRESS BY WHICH MANY DEFICITS COULD BE AVOIDED.

During the Past Five Years the Government Has Lost Over a Hundred Million Worth of Timber—The Remedy.

Every now and then there is a sharp passage at arms in Congress between the East and the West. In fact some of the rather prominent men of Congress still seem to think that the West is a separate country, and not in reality a part of the United States and entitled to the same consideration that it shows the Mississippi Valley, the Atlantic Coast or the New England States. An instance of this kind occurred the other day when Senator Teller, of Colorado, was addressing the Senate. He resented the intimations that the funds used in connection with

outside dependency of the nation.

That the commercial interests of the east, if not its statesmen, are alive to the desirability of promoting the settlement and internal improvement of the west, is shown by the very comprehensive action taken recently by the National Board of Trade in Washington, a powerful association, composed of representatives from most of the great commercial bodies of the United States. The organization represents a combined capital of billions of dollars employing several hundred thousand workers; it has been a strong factor in urging legislation on various important internal works; it was the first of the great commercial bodies of the East to advocate the passage of the national irrigation law and it has a regular standing committee on forestry and irrigation.

The report of the organization this year is most interesting and reads as follows:—

It is gratifying to note that much of the legislation on Forestry and Irrigation matters which has been consistently urged by the National Board of Trade has been enacted into law. The National Board was the first organization representing the commercial interest of the whole country to recommend a national irrigation policy and June 17, 1902 a National Irrigation law was enacted. There is in the Irrigation Fund at the present time about \$30,000,000 which is increasing from the sale of public lands at the rate of at least, \$3,000,000 a year.

In the matter of Forestry legislation the National Board of Trade recommended the passage of the bill providing for the consolidation of the various forestry branches of the Government into the Bureau of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture. This bill was enacted into law at the last session of Congress.

The National Board of Trade has stood against the practice of exchanging worthless "scrip" land in the national forest reserves for valuable public lands outside of the reserves and has repeatedly recommended the repeal of the law permitting this practice. This law was repealed at the last session of Congress.

At the last meeting of the National Board, opposition was expressed to what was known as the 640 Acre Homestead bills—increasing the homestead entry in parts of South Dakota, Colorado and in Montana from 160 acres to 640 acres; these bills were all defeated at the last session of Congress.

Much, however, remains to be done. The National Board of Trade has consistently advocated the saving of the great public domain for the use of the real homemaker as against the land and timber grabber and the speculator. Trade and commerce will increase as population increases, and our National land policy should be administered to preserve our remaining half billion acres of public lands for those who will build homes upon them. As laws which tend to overcome this policy the National Board has continuously, since its meeting in January, 1902, urged the repeal of the Timber and Stone Act, the commutation clause of the Homestead Act and the Desert Land Act, in accordance with the recommendations



IN THE NEW YORK CUSTOMS HOUSE.

hind, while a straight row of stitching is beyond the modest capability of the English workshop.

Many a woman who in her first month abroad materially diminished her letter of credit, has come home to wish for the trim smartness of Broadway. The frills beloved of the English woman, and the skin tight little jackets of the Frenchwoman quickly lose their fascination for the American woman whose aim in dress is unusually a seeming simplicity that has cost her tailor hours of nice calculation and herself a great deal of trouble and not a little money.

After all, the experienced American traveler buys few things outside of his own country. Considering quality and manufacture, nearly all articles of ordinary wear are cheaper in the United States than elsewhere. The law allows only \$100 worth of foreign apparel to be brought in duty free, and if this is conscientiously lived up to, the saving is small on imported goods. A few gloves, ostrich plumes or small pieces of jewelry, are about the only things the sensible tourist will bother with on his return.

Doings in New York.

The wife of a Wall street millionaire, whose name in New York is almost a household word, as the police declare, unwittingly furnished the password to a magnificently furnished poolroom for fashionable women at an uptown address the other day and the place was raided by the police. In it were twenty women, whose finely appointed equipages awaited them in the street.

The appeals of the women, members of some of New York's wealthiest families, when the detectives and officers gained entrance to the drawing room and revealed themselves, formed a thrilling tableau. Several women went on their knees to the detectives. They offered their rings, watches—anything they possessed—rather than face the exposure of arrest or even the chance of their identities becoming known.

One woman clasped the detective sergeant by the knees as she knelt, pleading for her liberty. Another tore her rings from her fingers, and offered them all to him, saying: "If my name is known there will be murder or suicide in my home, for my husband will either kill me or I shall kill myself."

Tolstoi Hard on Ibsen.

Count Tolstoi was one day discussing Ibsen with a friend. Said the latter: "I have seen a great many of Ibsen's plays, but I cannot say that I understand them. Do you?" Tolstoi smiled, and replied: "Ibsen doesn't understand them himself. He just writes them, and sits down and waits. After awhile his expounders and explainers come and tell him precisely what he meant."

the irrigation reclamation service had been given as a bounty to the West. In the first place, since the money is all paid back to the government, he stated that it was simply in the nature of a



"Lucky" Baldwin's Irrigated Ranch—Twenty Years Ago a Desert.

loan, and further he contended that the irrigation law was of as much importance to the east as to the west, that it was national in character, and that it would benefit, not only the section where it was applied, but reflexly every other section. In fact the west was somewhat tired of this idea which seemed to obtain among some eastern statesmen, of being considered as an

of the President in his annual Messages to Congress.

A Public Lands Commission appointed by the President, consisting of W. A. Richards, Commissioner of the General

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MOTHER OF SENATOR DICK OF OHIO.

Mrs. Magdalene Dick is one of the few mothers in Washington who can visit the United States Senate chamber and look down upon a son who is a member of the most powerful legislative body on earth. That son is the Hon. Charles William Frederick Dick, senator from Ohio, who succeeded the lamented Mark Hanna.

There is especial swelling of pride in the breast of Mrs. Dick as she looks down from the Senate Gallery upon her boy, for the reason that she knows better than any one else how many were the struggles and how rough the paths that led to his present honor. Both parents of Senator Dick were born in Germany but they met and married here, settling in Akron, Ohio, where the father was an humble artisan. He was careful and frugal after the German fashion but was not very successful in business. The little family knew what it was to work hard for the necessities of life. The future senator knew what it was too, to be born of the traditional poor but honest parents. His schooling was limited, for he had to begin work when able to earn even a little bit.

First he was a messenger boy in a bank, then clerk in a hat store and

he was very proud when he acquired a half interest in a feed and machinery establishment. All this time however, he kept studying at night to gain an education, and to achieve something better than an anxious interest in the market price of oats. The good mother who looks down upon him in the Senate can recall with much pride the struggles of the son to better his place in the world and she did her part to help him. He went into politics and was elected county auditor before he was 30. This is always the best office in any courthouse and gave the young man a start not only in politics but in business. His activity and shrewdness in local elections led to his selection in 1892 as chairman of the state executive committee. He won the election by such a small majority that there was no glory in it, but the following year he managed the second election of McKinley as Governor with splendid results. Later he went to Congress from the old Garfield district and when Hanna died, came to the senate by unanimous vote.

Mrs. Dick is of fine appearance, not yet 70 and remains calmly complacent over the romantic career of her son who may yet achieve still higher honors.

Land Office, Frederick H. Newell, Chief Engineer of the Reclamation Service and Gifford Pinchot, Chief of the Bureau of Forestry, has during the course of two years made a study of the public lands' condition and has brought in a report which has been forwarded to Congress by the President with a special message recommending the repeal of the Timber and Stone Act and the substitution of a rational forest policy of selling only the stumpage from the public timber lands, retaining the lands for future timber growth; recommending the radical amendment of the commutation clause of the Homestead Act and a like amendment of the Desert Land Act in such manner as to require actual residence and improvement under both of the latter named laws, amounting to their practical repeal.

The provisions of this report are highly satisfactory to the Forestry and Irrigation Committee of the National Board of Trade, which believes that their enactment into law, strictly enforced, would do away with land and timber grabbing and promote these policies on this subject for which the Board has consistently striven.

The present indefensible land policy of the United States is resulting in an actual money loss to the government of tens of millions of dollars annually, in the denuding of our watersheds and the destruction of all chances for a future timber supply, in the building up of lordly landed estates in the West of tens and hundreds of thousands of acres in single ownerships, instead of providing for the creating of thousands of small rural homes—in short in the mismanagement and waste of the greatest resource ever possessed by any nation on earth.

The attention of our lawmakers in Congress should be urgently called to the fact that while they are attempting economy in the expenditure of money, they are allowing laws to remain in force under which by far the most valuable asset of the nation is being recklessly wasted.

Under the Timber and Stone Act, the sales of public timber lands during the last five years have been as follows:

| Year. | Acres. |
|-------|--------------|
| 1901 | 396,445.61 |
| 1902 | 545,253.98 |
| 1903 | 1,765,222.43 |
| 1904 | 1,306,261.30 |
| 1905 | 696,677.06 |
| | 4,709,860.38 |

A large proportion of these lands have been in the heavily timbered belt of the far Northwest and is of the class of timber described by the Secretary of the Interior in his report for the fiscal year ended, June 30, 1903, in which he says:

"The Timber and Stone Act will, if not repealed or radically amended, result ultimately in the complete destruction of the timber on the unappropriated and unreserved public lands. The rapidity with which the public timbered lands are being denuded of their timber—and the opportunity offered under the Timber and Stone Act for the fraudulent acquisition of title to public timbered lands at the uniform price of \$2.50 per acre when they are in many instances worth forty times that (\$100) has been heretofore set forth in the pages of my annual reports and those of my predecessors."

Hundred Million Dollar Waste.

But estimating the values only of the 4,709,860 acres of timber and disposed of in the last five years, and at only \$25 per acre, the government has, in that time, parted with the title of land worth \$117,746,500. The price received for this land has been at the uniform rate of \$2.50 per acre, or \$11,774,650, a loss to the government of over \$100,000,000. Your committee endorses the recommendation of the President and his Public Lands Commission for the repeal of this Timber and Stone Act and the substitution of a rational forest policy, by which the title to the public timber lands shall remain forever in the government, the stumpage only to be disposed of, at its market value.

Under such a plan as this, and under an agreement whereby one half the proceeds could be devoted to the Forestry Service and the other half to the Irrigation Fund, two policies of great internal improvement and importance could be generously maintained, while at the same time the forestry question would be to a great extent solved, public forest lands being lumbered in such a manner as to preserve the young growth and leave the forest as a perpetual source of income to the nation and at the same time conserve the water supply.

If the \$100,000,000 which have been lost to the government under the above showing, were at hand, a score or more of enormous irrigation projects could be immediately constructed, reclaiming from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 acres of desert land, and enormous areas of Eastern forest reserves created through the purchase of mountain timber lands east of the Mississippi.

In this connection, your committee is much impressed with the importance of the creation of federal forest reserves to preserve the water supply of eastern streams, upon the continued flow of which depends much of our manufacturing activity. The western half of the United States has over 100,000,000 acres set aside in national forest reserves, as a source of future timber supply and for the preservation of the flow of streams for irrigation; but the east has no such an advantage, whereas, the menace to her water supply from forest destruction is equally as great. Large areas in the Southern Appalachian and White Mountain Ranges should be created into forest reserves.

For Eastern Forest Reserves.

In a speech at Raleigh, N. C., on October 20th, last, President Roosevelt said: "It is the upper altitudes of the forested mountains that are most valuable to the nation as a whole, especially because of their effects upon the water supply. Neither state or nation can afford to turn these mountains over to the unrestrained greed of those who would exploit them at the expense of the future. We cannot afford to wait longer before assuming control in the interests of the public, of these forests; for if we do wait, the vested interests of private parties in them may become so strongly entrenched that it may be a most expensive task to oust them. If the eastern states are wise, then from the Bay of Fundy to the Gulf we will see, within the next few years a policy set on foot similar to that so fortunately carried out in the high Sierras of the west by the National government. All the higher Appalachians should be reserved. Such reserves would be a paying investment, not only in protection to many interests, but in dollars and cents to the government. The importance to the southern people of protecting the southern mountain forests is obvious. These forests are the best defense against the floods which, in the recent past, have, during a single twelve months, destroyed property officially valued at nearly twice that it would cost to buy the Southern Appalachian Reserve."



IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA APPALACHIANS.

The importance of the Appalachian forest cover to the cotton milling industry alone, in the Piedmont regions of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia is shown by the statistics of the mills operated by the water power derived from the streams having their sources in these mountains. In these three states there are 163 mills so operated, with a combined capital stock of \$33,000,000, with 2,770,000 spindles and 50,926 looms and giving work to over 45,000 employees. The total annual production of these mills is approximately \$64,000,000.

Virginia has interests also, which are not included in the above figures, as have also Tennessee and Kentucky, on the western side of the mountains. A National forest reserve in the White Mountains of New Hampshire is also a matter of general concern and vital to the well being of the industries of all New England. We are upon the threshold of great industrial competition with the producing powers of the world; to maintain our supremacy we must retain our hold upon our cheap water power, which, through electrical invention is being utilized as never before and greatly adding to our national prosperity.

The creation of the Appalachian and White Mountain Forest Reserves cannot be left to the states; the question is an inter-state and therefore a national one. Nearly all the rivers of New England head in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and it is of supreme importance to the industries of all the New England States, representing tens of millions of dollars, that the forest cover at the river sources shall be preserved and improved.

National delay in the acquisition of these "reserves" would be dangerous and wasteful. Timber land which a few years ago could have been purchased at \$1.50 to \$3 an acre has now trebled and quadrupled in value. Additional delay will mean a further increase in cost. Congress should act at once and preserve from destruction one of the greatest resources of the nation.

NICK LONGWORTH'S FATHER.

Was One of the First Men of Ohio—Interesting Incidents of Life.

Congressman Nick Longworth, the President's son-in-law, is a millwright of Cincinnati. His family is one of the oldest and most aristocratic of that city. His father, Judge Longworth, was as able a man as ever sat on the supreme bench of the State, and withal, one of the youngest. He resigned this position as he did not care to take life too seriously after passing fifty. When he died he was a colonel on Gov. McKinley's staff, death resulting from exposure on an inauguration day.

Judge Longworth was a man not only beloved, but brilliant. His courtship of his wife, mother of the present Congressman, began when both were but six years old. She was then little Sue Walker. Some years before the judge died, he built a small steamboat for pleasure trips on the Ohio river. He called it the "C-O". It was an odd name, and people wondered what it meant. Some said it stood for Cincinnati, Ohio, others said it meant "Come off," but the judge would not make public the origin of such an odd christening. Years later, he told this story:

As a boy, he had fallen in love with Sue Walker, and confided his affection to his mother, who wished to encourage him in writing, and advised him to express his love in a letter. He did so but did not know how to spell Sue. He pondered a while, then reasoned that if "do" spelled "do," "co" ought to spell Sue. That was the way he addressed his first love letter, and when he was a man grown, "dear C. O."

PIGMY ICELAND PONIES.

Pets in Parlors of London Society—Twenty-Eight Inches High.

London society has a bad case of the zoologicals. Tiger cats, gentle little lemur, gazelles, with their "soft brown eyes," fretful porcupines and ant-eaters have in turn been made pets, but they have all been deposed as rulers of petdom by the parlor ponies of Iceland.

These tiny creatures are the funniest little things imaginable. They are no larger than a Newfoundland dog, their height is twenty-eight inches, slightly less than that of the ordinary



LOOKS LIKE A BIG TOY.

table, as woolly as sheep and quiet as lambs.

Seven of these little fellows were imported by Mr. Jamrach, the naturalist, and he insists that they are quite at home and well mannered in the house and that a baby might safely play with them. Two of the herd are chestnuts, two mouse, one bay, one black, but the "pick of the bunch," the smallest of all, has a long cream-colored coat and a tail that sweeps the floor.

All seven were bought at \$75 each on the first day of their exhibition. One of the customers is an intimate friend of the Queen, so that it is quite probable that a pigmy pony will find a royal mistress.

Stoker in First Locomotive.

Letchworth Cox, who was a stoker on the first locomotive that ever got up steam in America, celebrated his ninety-first birthday at his home in Jamesburg, N. J., on Christmas Day. Mr. Cox was the son of Joseph and Hannah Cox and was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1814. He is still in possession of all his faculties.

They Must Gnaw.

Rats, mice and squirrels unceasingly gnaw at something, not out of pure mischief, as people generally imagine, but because they are forced to.

Animals of this class, especially rats, have teeth which continue to grow as long as the owner lives. This being the case, the rodent is obliged to continue his gnawing so as to keep his teeth ground off to a proper length.

The Old Folks Were Absent.

A man came up to a lecturer in a hotel in Kansas City, saying with enthusiasm: "Well, sir, I enjoyed your lecture very much last night." "I didn't see you there," remarked the lecturer. "Oh, I wasn't there." "Well, what do you mean by telling me you enjoyed my lecture, and you were not present?" "Oh, I bought tickets for my girl's father and mother, and they both went!"



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The Wireless Death

By C. S. Raymond

Courtesy Technical World.

In the early morning the crowds which spent most of the night at the bulletin-board were gathering again. At no time had the place been entirely deserted. Several men had never been out of eyeshot of the bulletins. One of them, a shock-headed youth in overalls and wearing the cap of a government electrician, sat on the stone curbing by the entrance to the power station, smoking a small black pipe, seemingly more occupied with meditation than observation.

Most of the men who were now gathering about the board, were coal miners on their way to the shafts. Here and there were electricians. The vastness of the power station from which they had come, was no more than suggested from where the crowd stood, the buildings being partially hid in a grove of trees.

The groups of miners and electricians were almost silent. They seemed to have exhausted comment and surmise, and to be waiting for the tangible to take place of conjecture.

On the Verge of War.

In Washington the federal news editor apparently had worn out himself and his staff in keeping up a detailed account of the all-night session of Congress. As daylight came, the service wobbled, and what had been a connected, well-sustained story of congressional proceedings had slumped to a series of jerky bulletins of which the last had come a half-hour before, reading:

"Williams still has the floor. He is making no headway against the majority. War seems inevitable."

To the men starting for the shafts, this carried no news which they had not known before they had gone away, a few hours earlier, to get such sleep and rest as they could.

While they stood watching, another bulletin came:

"Congress has taken an hour's recess for breakfast. No action."

The coal miners in the crowd read this, and then started for work. Soon there were left only a few scattered

groups; but the shock-headed electrician still sat on the curb and smoked his black pipe.

Mail by Airship.

A speck developed in the eastern sky and drew nearer, enlarging rapidly. Then the Washington mail came into sight, and landed at the aeroplane station near the entrance to the power station. A mail clerk came down the elevator after the sacks had been thrown into the chute. He was questioned eagerly by the men still standing about the bulletin board, but had nothing of news later than that which the bulletins had given them.

As he stood talking, another message was flashed on the board:

"Williams says that opposition to the majority will cease. War will be declared before night."

At that the shock-headed youth arose suddenly from the curbstone, and walked rapidly through the gates and on into the grounds of the power station.

Vast Central Power Station.

The Susquehanna Coal and Power District, supplying not only Washington, but New York with electricity for all purposes of light, heat, and power, was the largest of the government power areas into which the country was divided. Its coal mines were of the greatest extent, its power station gigantic, and its employees an army. New York with its millions, and Washington with its institutions, secured all power from the wires charged by the dynamies of the Susquehanna District.

The shock-headed electrician kept his rapid stride through the grounds until he came to a one-story brick building marked over its doorway, with the word "Administration." It was surrounded by beds of sweet-peas, which a gardener then was watering. The young man went up the gravelled walk without looking to right or left, pushed open the door, went the length of the inner hall, turned to the right, and knocked at a closed door.

He was told to enter, and did so, taking off his cap.

A middle-aged, gray-haired, spectacled man sat at a desk in the center

of the room. He did not look up until the young electrician was standing beside his desk. Then he glanced at him sidewise inquiringly.

Young Inventor Busy.

"Mr. Shod," said the younger man, "I want a two weeks' leave of absence."

The elder then looked squarely at him but did not reply, merely brushing back his hair in an abstracted, preoccupied manner. The young man, waited for an answer without repeating his petition.

"Go back to work," said Shod, finally, seeming to dismiss the request as preposterous. He had started to speak calmly, but his manner changed, and he brought his fist down on the desk as he added sharply:

"Atsins, you make me think you're crazy. Haven't you read the bulletins? Look here—a message from the chief. We expect you to run double capacity from the instant war is declared. Leave of absence! Man, go back to work."

Atsins became confused and awkwardly abashed; but he persisted, nevertheless, urging great necessity.

"If you even ask again," cried Shod, becoming thoroughly angry, "I'll have you locked up for attempting desertion."

Daring Plan Explained.

He wheeled around in his chair, and busied himself with the wires leading off the keyboard on his desk. Atsins hesitated an instant, and then suddenly lost his awkwardness and became alert. He bent over his senior, speaking rapidly, energetically, and sharply. He drew from the inner pocket of his blouse a print, spreading it before Shod. The anger of the older man gave way to astonishment. He was held spell-bound by the younger's vehement explanation, until finally Atsins ceased talking, folded up his print, returned it to his pocket, and stood waiting.

Shod contemplated him silently for several moments. Then he said:

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itself no thought of the inevitable product of incompetence urged into action by rashness.

In all this unprepared country, no one appreciated so thoroughly the impending danger as did Montus, the unfortunate commander-in-chief of the small military forces.

Commander in Despair.

He had been dean of the Department of electricity in the national university, when transferred to the military service, having prior to this been an instructor in one of the national military schools. In appearance he was scholarly, his figure spare and bent, his hair and eyes gray, and his face lined.

He was alone in his office, looking out of the window across the Potomac—the only inactive figure in the War Department—when one of his aides entered the room.

"Curtis has been located," said the aide. "He is at Kiel. We got his signal followed by some code which is being transcribed."

Another aide came in.

"Curtis says he is effectively hidden, and can send electrigraphs if we can take them."

"Where is he?" asked Montus eagerly.

Scouting the Upper Air.

"He says he is out of the path of their scouts, and thinks he is safely posted. He must be above them."

"Can you reach him?"

"We have, but he warns us not to try often. I suppose his position is precarious at best."

"Tell him to send what he can," answered Montus. "I'll go into the tower to take it."

A hundred yards farther up the Potomac, stood a gigantic tower, the exact longitude and latitude of which was burned in the memory of every operative in the secret service. To this, Montus and his aides hastened, being carried directly to the summit by a lift.

While the aides adjusted the films and reflector of the electro-photographer, Montus stood at the railing looking out over the peaceful river scene and drumming his fingers on the wooden bars.

"I think it is coming," said one of the aides finally, and the general stepped over to adjust about his head the hood which shut all light from the eyes looking at the reflector.

Looking Across the Ocean.

At first this remained in black and ink darkness. Then a little waves of dim light which rippled across its surface. These ripples became stronger; indistinct shapes, unrecognizable and mystic, seemed to rise out of its depths. They cleared away, and there grew up in their place the forms of a city's roofs and towers, which stood revealed in distinct outlines for a moment and then seemed to drop further and further down into the reflector.

White, fleecy clouds came between the eye and the city's roofs, the latter growing less and less distinct. There was a sweep of a dark object athwart the clouds. It crossed the entire reflector, blotting it out in blackness again, but light followed almost instantly. Again nothing but the white clouds, but finally a far-off flock of specks, which came nearer and nearer until they stood out quite distinctly and separately, clear-cut in outline and identity. There they stood.

Aerial Torpedo Boats.

Montus almost held his breath as he ran his eyes over them. For ten minutes he studied. Then he drew the hood from his head, and looked out over the river scene again.

"A hundred, I should say," he remarked at last, quietly, but in great bitterness. "Every one ready. In twenty-four hours from the time those awful fools in Congress declare war, those hundred torpedo ships will be here. Tell Curtis we've seen enough."

With that he went back to his office, and in moodiness took his post by the window again. Nothing he could plan could avert the calamity he had seen in readiness. Presently one of the aides came in again.

"A government electrician is outside," he announced, "and insists on seeing you. We have done everything to get rid of him but throw him off the grounds."

The man stopped and waited expectantly.

"Tell him—" said Montus angrily, but stopped. "Let him in," he concluded, sullenly.

Young Inventor to the Rescue.

The aide went out and came back with the shock-headed electrician who had spent the night before by the bulletin-board. His embarrassment was great, but his earnestness equalled it. The former showed in his awkward posture and twitching fingers; the latter, in the direct look with which he sought the general's eyes.

"Well," exclaimed Montus, sharply. "I have a concentrator—I want you to look at it—I thought—" he began excitedly, but ended brokenly in the face of a cold stare from Montus.

"Here it is," he concluded, unfolding the prints.

Montus cast one careless and a second interested glance at the plans. He drew up a chair and studied them, the moodiness giving away to keen appreciation. Then he pushed them away.

"You seem to have something," he said. "Some other time, if there's anything left of this country, some other time I'll look at them. But not now. I can't now."

Death to Distant Fleet.

"But you don't understand," exclaimed Atsins, quickly and vehemently. "Now's the time, don't you see? That will direct a million volts—two million volts—accurately, to any distance, at any object. Man, if it works, if it will do it—don't you see?"

Montus stared at the shock-headed boy in a daze.

Atsins held himself in check and leaned forward.

speaking rapidly, "to Sending Station 10, the largest. Let him direct any changes he desires. Tell Susquehanna to give us ten times the usual power from now until notified otherwise."

The men started to obey, and Atsins to follow his guides, when Montus stepped to him, holding out his hands.

"I hope you succeed," he said. "I—I can't fail," stammered the young man.

(To be continued.)

ACTIVE NORWEGIAN WOMEN.

Occupy Good Positions as Stewards on Coasting Steamers.

Bright young women in Norway find a rational and congenial employment in a vocation which has not been invaded by their sex in this country. The many steamers that plow the Norwegian fjords and Scandinavian estuaries and rivers employ young women to see to the commissariat and to arrange for the personal comfort of travelers on board. Their official designation is that of "auxiliary ship's officer."

That their occupation is a pleasant one is proved by the numerous applications at steamboat offices from young Danish, Swedish and Norwegian ladies anxious to secure such positions. This life on the inland lakes and rivers, is stated in fact to be immensely popular with the strong and energetic girls of Northern Europe. That the duties involved necessitate a girl's having a head on her shoulders goes without saying, and many of the applicants are daughters of either naval or professional men, such as lawyers and doctors.

It is the duty of the "auxiliary ship's officer," to ascertain from the purser of the ship how many passengers are booked on the outgoing voyage and to lay in her provisions accordingly, with an eye to ample supplies, at the same time avoiding any risk in the matter of waste. She is further responsible for the tastefully laid table and for such additional house-linen as may be required in the cabins during the voyage. Plate, china and even kitchen utensils are generally her own property, so that she must necessarily possess business ability in her selection and care. Payments are arranged at so much per head and the lady steward nets the profits over and above the actual expenses, and beyond this may depend upon complimentary contributions from the traveler, which being a customary thing, may be offered and accepted without offense.

Such an occupation with its self-respecting independence and its breezy, open-air surroundings, is healthful and exhilarating, while the constant stream of passengers and tourists, both old and new, tends to the formation of pleasant acquaintances, at all seasons of travel.

Another post filled by women on board the Norwegian mail steamers is that of "postal official." Two of these young ladies always travel together, their sole duty consisting in carrying the mail bags to and from the points of embarkation and arrival. During the voyage, the time of these girls is practically their own, and they generally may be seen employing it in producing those much-admired "Hosfolds fernings"—the beautiful Norwegian embroideries to be met with in such rich profusion throughout the Scandinavian lands. These "post ladies," however, never allow their elaborate needlework to jeopardize their official position as government employees; for long before the landing-stage is reached, both may be seen cloaked and hatted, standing, as it were, at attention. By reason of the precious burdens they bear, they are the first to leave the boat.

Miss Roosevelt's Turnips.

The first instalment of wedding gifts which reached Miss Alice Roosevelt was turnips, the largest known in the art of farming. These mammoth affairs "Colonel Sellers' Fruit," were shipped to Miss Roosevelt by a tiller of the soil in Kansas, who said that the proud farmers of this country should not be outdone by the jewelers, and that they have worked hard to produce the best possible growths this winter with

which to stock the cellar of the future Mrs. Longworth. Huge potatoes were also sent from South Dakota, where they raise potatoes which are said to be so large that one potato will feed six persons. Pumpkins came likewise from South Dakota, each large enough to furnish pies for the family for one winter. If the Longworth couple do not live on the fat of the land for at least one season, it has not been the fault of the admiring farmers.

Hard to Believe.

A city man was showing a country cousin through the Metropolitan Museum.

"See that bunch of old Egyptian oins over there, Reub?" he said, pointing to one of the showcases. "Well, every one of those coins is over three thousand years old."

"Quit yer kiddin'," retorted the countryman. "Why, it's only 1906 now."

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